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Ben H. Brown, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 1952

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September 18, 1953.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

This report contains a statistical report and summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epidemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1953

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner

VICTOR L. WALLAGE, Chief Deputy

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CORONER DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT 1952-53

Date of Report: Sept. 18, 1953.

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8534 cases for the fiscal year 1952-53, which shows an increase of 400 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5327
Due to traffic	887
Due to suicides	715
Due to homicides	152
Due to industrial accidents	116
Due to miscellaneous accidents	1254

Of the 887 traffic fatalities, 331 were pedestrian, 130 of which were over 65 years of age. 181 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 556 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 484 of which were over 20 years of age.

10 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 10 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 152 homicides, 89 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 62 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 715 suicides, 196 were the result of despondency and 231 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 672 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 610 deaths.

3682 autopsies were performed of the 8534 cases handled by the Coroner during the year. 8920 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 2181 microscopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

424 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1952-53 was $316,110.99, comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, $272,159.15; Maintenance and Operation, $42,910.50; and Capital Outlay $1,021.34.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1952-53 were $75,148.75.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
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JULY	1952	636	
AUGUST	1952	624	
SEPTEMBER	1952	633	
OCTOBER	1952	679	
NOVEMBER	1952	683	
DECEMBER	1952	812	
JANUARY	1953	833	
FEBRUARY	1953	750	
MARCH	1953	769	
APRIL	1953	704	
MAY	1953	677	
JUNE	1953	734	
	TOTAL	8534	8534

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MALE	5589	
FEMALE	2945	
TOTAL	8534	8534

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4619	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3915	
TOTAL	8534	8534

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:

AIRPLANE	24	
ALCOHOLISM	15	
ASPHYXIATION	18	
BURNS	136	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	65	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	10	
ELECTROCUTION	9	
FALLS	610	
FIREARMS	15	
HEAD INJURIES	111	
INDUSTRIAL	116	
INFECTION	16	
MISCELLANEOUS	55	
MOTOR VEHICLES	887	
POISONING	122	
STEAM RAILWAY	10	
STRANGULATION	11	
SUFFOCATION	45	
TOTAL	2277	2277
ABORTIONS	13	
HOMICIDES	152	

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

NATURAL CAUSES		5327	
STILLBORN		43	
SUICIDES		715	
UNKNOWN		7	
	TOTAL	6257	6257
			8534

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1952	63	0	0	63
AUGUST	1952	62	2	1	65
SEPTEMBER	1952	87	0	0	87
OCTOBER	1952	72	1	0	73
NOVEMBER	1952	81	0	2	83
DECEMBER	1952	81	4	0	85
JANUARY	1953	86	0	1	87
FEBRUARY	1953	70	1	1	72
MARCH	1953	74	1	3	78
APRIL	1953	72	1	1	74
MAY	1953	64	0	0	64
JUNE	1953	75	0	1	76
	TOTAL	887	10	10	907

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED, "ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1952	19	
AUGUST	1952	25	
SEPTEMBER	1952	36	
OCTOBER	1952	22	
NOVEMBER	1952	31	
DECEMBER	1952	41	
JANUARY	1953	38	
FEBRUARY	1953	35	
MARCH	1953	24	
APRIL	1953	22	
MAY	1953	16	
JUNE	1953	22	
	TOTAL	331	331

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MALE	222	
FEMALE	109	
TOTAL	331	331

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	149	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	181	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	331	331

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

1 to 2 YEARS	10	
2 to 5 YEARS	16	
5 to 10 YEARS	17	
10 to 20 YEARS	8	
20 to 45 YEARS	52	
45 to 65 YEARS	98	
65 YEARS AND OVER	130	
TOTAL	331	331

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AT AN INTERSECTION	181	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	148	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	331	331

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	109	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	218	
UNKNOWN	4	
TOTAL	331	331

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NATURE

AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	286	
AUTO, AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	6	
MOTORCYCLE & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TAXI & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	31	
TRUCK-TRAILER & PEDESTRIAN	3	
TOTAL	331	331

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

BACKING	8	
CAR ROLLED BACKWARDS	2	
CLIMBING ON CAR	1	
CROSSING STREET AGAINST SIGNAL	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	90	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	41	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	4	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	2	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	1	
FELL UNDER TRUCK	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	7	
INTOXICATION	3	
LIGHTING	1	
LOST CONTROL	4	
PARKED TRUCK ROLLED	1	
PLAYING IN ALLEY	1	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	7	
PLAYING IN STREET	3	
PUSHING STALLED CAR	1	
RAN SIGNAL	4	
RECKLESS DRIVING	32	
REAR END COLLISION	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	73	
RUNAWAY CAR	1	
RUNNING IN STREET	18	
SKATING IN STREET	1	
SKIDDING	1	
STANDING ON HIGHWAY	2	
STRUCK BY CAR DOOR	1	
THROWN FROM PLANK BY TRUCK	1	
WALKING IN STREET	10	
WORKING IN STREET	1	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	1	
UNKNOWN	5	
TOTAL	331	331

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		58	
FEMALE DRIVERS		10	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS		2	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		17	
	TOTAL	87	87

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		59	
FEMALE DRIVERS		8	
UNKNOWN		1	
	TOTAL	68	68

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS		153	
FEMALE DRIVERS		14	
	TOTAL	167	167
DRIVERLESS CAR		3	
UNKNOWN DRIVER		6	
	TOTAL	9	9
	TOTAL		331

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HIT AND RUN CASES 32

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 67

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1952		44	
AUGUST	1952		37	
SEPTEMBER	1952		51	
OCTOBER	1952		50	
NOVEMBER	1952		50	
DECEMBER	1952		40	
JANUARY	1953		48	
FEBRUARY	1953		35	
MARCH	1953		50	
APRIL	1953		50	
MAY	1953		48	
JUNE	1953		53	
		TOTAL	556	556

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MALE		405	
FEMALE		151	
	TOTAL	556	556

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		176	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		364	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY		16	
	TOTAL	556	556

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	6	
1 to 2 YEARS	2	
2 to 5 YEARS	7	
5 to 10 YEARS	7	
10 to 20 YEARS	50	
20 to 45 YEARS	294	
45 to 65 YEARS	121	
65 YEARS AND OVER	69	
TOTAL	556	556

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AT AN INTERSECTION	275	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	278	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	556	556

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	243	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	306	
UNKNOWN	7	
TOTAL	556	556

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

AUTO & ABUTMENT	1
AUTO & AMBULANCE	2
AUTO & AUTO	162
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	10
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	6
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & POLE	1
AUTO, AUTO & BUS	1
AUTO, AUTO & POLE	1
AUTO, AUTO, TRUCK & TRUCK	1
AUTO & AUTOETTE	1
AUTO & AUTO-TRAILER	1
AUTO & BARRIER	2
AUTO & BICYCLE	8
AUTO & BRIDGE	1
AUTO & BUS	8
AUTO & BUILDING	7
AUTO & CURB	6
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13
AUTO & EMBANKMENT	7
AUTO & GUARD POST	1
AUTO & GUARD RAIL	5
AUTO & HORSE	1
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	18
AUTO & MOTOR SCOOTER	1
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	6
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK-TRAILER	1
AUTO & POLE	28
AUTO & POST	2
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	12
AUTO & STORM DRAIN	1
AUTO & TAXI	1
AUTO & TREE	25
AUTO & TRUCK	65
AUTO, TRUCK & TREE	1
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	20
AUTO & WAGON	1
AUTO & WALL	8
BUS & BICYCLE	1
BUS & BRIDGE	1
BUS & BUS	1
BUS & TRUCK-TRAILER	1
MOTORCYCLE & BUILDING	1
MOTORCYCLE & CURB	3
MOTORCYCLE & PARKED TRUCK	1
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	1
MOTORCYCLE & STEAM RAILWAY	1
MOTORCYCLE & TRAFFIC BUTTON	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

COLLISION:

ROADSWEEPER & BICYCLE	1	
TAXI & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & BICYCLE	7	
TRUCK & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & EMBANKMENT	1	
TRUCK & MOTOR-BIKE	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	2	
TRUCK & POLE	1	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	3	
TRUCK & TREE	1	
TRUCK & TRUCK	5	
TOTAL	472	472

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO INTO DITCH	1	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	5	
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	6	
AUTO OVERTURNED	42	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	10	
JUMPED FROM VEHICLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE OVER CLIFF	1	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	11	
MOTORSCOOTER OVERTURNED	1	
SHIFTING LOAD ON TRUCK	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	5	
TOTAL	84	84
TOTAL		556

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION:

AUTO STALLED ON TRACKS	1	
BACKING	1	
BICYCLE RACING	1	
COLLISION OF RACING CARS	1	
CUTTING IN AHEAD	2	
DEFECT IN ROADWAY	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3	
DRIVER ASLEEP	12	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	51	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	22	
FORCED OFF ROAD	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	11	
INTOXICATION	3	
LOST CONTROL	62	
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	16	
PASSENGER GRABBED STEERING WHEEL	1	
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	4	
POOR VISION	3	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	22	
RAN SIGNAL	40	
REAR END COLLISION	27	
RECKLESS DRIVING	57	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	108	
RUNAWAY BOX CAR	1	
RUNAWAY HORSE	1	
SKIDDING	5	
TIRE BLOW-OUT	1	
TRUCK STALLED ON TRACK	1	
UNKNOWN	13	
TOTAL	472	472

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO AFIRE	1	
AVOIDING COLLISION	2	
CHILD OPENED DOOR	2	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1	
DOOR FLEW OPEN	3	
DRIVER ASLEEP	2	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	2	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	1	
INTOXICATION	2	
LOST BALANCE ON FIRE ENGINE	1	
LOST CONTROL	49	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	5	
SHIFTING LOAD OF STEEL	1	
SPEEDING	1	
SUDDEN STOP	1	
TIRE BLEW OUT	1	
WHEEL CAME OFF	1	
UNKNOWN	6	
TOTAL	84	84
TOTAL		556

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		90	
FEMALE DRIVERS		11	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		2	
UNDETERMINED DRIVER		11	
	TOTAL	114	114
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		62	
FEMALE DRIVERS		5	
TRAIN CREWS		3	
	TOTAL	70	70
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:			
MALE DRIVERS		313	
FEMALE DRIVERS		50	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		8	
UNDETERMINED		1	
	TOTAL	372	372
	TOTAL		556

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HIT AND RUN CASES	1
HAD BEEN DRINKING:	
DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.)	114

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1952		0	
AUGUST	1952		2	
SEPTEMBER	1952		0	
OCTOBER	1952		1	
NOVEMBER	1952		0	
DECEMBER	1952		4	
JANUARY	1953		0	
FEBRUARY	1953		1	
MARCH	1953		1	
APRIL	1953		1	
MAY	1953		0	
JUNE	1953		0	
		TOTAL	10	10

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MALE		7	
FEMALE		3	
	TOTAL	10	10

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		6	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		4	
	TOTAL	10	10

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

5 to 10 YEARS	1	
10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	2	
45 to 65 YEARS	1	
65 YEARS AND OVER	5	
TOTAL	10	10

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	10	
TOTAL	10	10

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CAUSES

ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING STREETCAR	1	
CHILD CROSSING TRACKS	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	2	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	2	
FELL UNDER STREET CAR	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	10	10

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1952	0	
AUGUST	1952	1	
SEPTEMBER	1952	0	
OCTOBER	1952	0	
NOVEMBER	1952	2	
DECEMBER	1952	0	
JANUARY	1953	1	
FEBRUARY	1953	1	
MARCH	1953	3	
APRIL	1953	1	
MAY	1953	0	
JUNE	1953	1	
	TOTAL	10	10

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MALE	8	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	10	10

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	6	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4	
TOTAL	10	10

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AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	3	
45 to 65 YEARS	6	
65 YEARS AND OVER	1	
TOTAL	10	10

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	1	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	9	
TOTAL	10	10

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CAUSES

CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
FALL FROM TRAIN WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
SITTING ON RIGHT OF WAY	1	
SLEEPING ON TRACKS	2	
UNDETERMINED (ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE)	1	
WALKED INTO TRAIN	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	10	10

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES	627	260	887
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	7	3	10
STEAM RAILWAY	8	2	10
TOTAL	642	265	907

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1952	10	
AUGUST	1952	7	
SEPTEMBER	1952	10	
OCTOBER	1952	15	
NOVEMBER	1952	9	
DECEMBER	1952	5	
JANUARY	1953	7	
FEBRUARY	1953	9	
MARCH	1953	9	
APRIL	1953	11	
MAY	1953	12	
JUNE	1953	12	
	TOTAL	116	116

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MALE	112	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL	116	116

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	39	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	60	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	12	
UNKNOWN	5	
TOTAL	116	116

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10 to 20 YEARS	4	
20 to 45 YEARS	42	
45 to 65 YEARS	58	
65 YEARS AND OVER	12	
TOTAL	116	116

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

BODILY INJURY	33	
BURNS	15	
CRUSHING	6	
DROWNING	2	
ELECTROCUTION	9	
FALLS	3	
FOOT INJURY	1	
HEAD INJURY	28	
INFECTION	16	
POISONING	1	
SHOOTING	1	
SUFFOCATION	1	
TOTAL	116	116

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

BODILY INJURY:

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY	2	
CAVE-IN OF DITCH	1	
CRANE BOOM FELL	1	
CRUSHED BY BALE OF WOOL	1	
CRUSHED BY ELEVATOR	1	
CRUSHED BY ROLLS OF PAPER	1	
FALL	1	
FALLING WALL	3	
FALL FROM BRIDGE	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	4	
FALL FROM SIGN BOARD	1	
FALL FROM TREE	2	
IMPROPER RIDING ON TRUCK	1	
JEEP OVERTURNED	1	
LUMBER CARRIER OVERTURNED	1	
SCAFFOLD COLLAPSED	2	
STRUCK BY CABLE	1	
STRUCK BY CARRYALL	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING PIPE	1	
STRUCK BY HEAVY METAL	1	
STRUCK BY LANDING PLANE	1	
STRUCK BY OVERTURNING TRUCK	1	
STRUCK BY UNLOADING TRUCK	1	
WORKING ON SPARE TIRE	1	
TOTAL	33	33

BURNS:

CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRES	2	
CRANE CAPSIZED	1	
EXPLOSION IN PLANT	1	
EXPLOSION OF DISTILLED WATER BOTTLE	1	
EXPLOSION OF GAS FUMES	1	
EXPLOSION OF OVEN	1	
EXPLOSION OF SCRAP MAGNESIUM	3	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1	
OIL LINE IGNITED	1	
OIL SWITCH EXPLOSION	2	
TIRE CEMENT IGNITED	1	
TOTAL	15	15

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

CRUSHING:		
CAUGHT BETWEEN STEAM ROLLER & TRUCK	1	
CAUGHT IN MACHINERY	1	
CRANE TIPPED OVER	1	
FALLING LOCKER	1	
FALLING ROCK	1	
WHILE WORKING ON ELEVATOR	1	
TOTAL	6	6
DROWNING:		
FELL IN RESERVOIR	1	
FELL OFF BOAT	1	
TOTAL	2	2
ELECTROCUTION:		
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	2	
CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	2	
CRANE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
TESTING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	1	
TOTAL	9	9
FALLS:		
FALL FROM FLAG POLE	1	
FALL FROM RAMP	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	3	3
FOOT INJURY:		
BOLT FELL ON FOOT	1	1
HEAD INJURY:		
EXPLOSION OF PROJECTILE	1	
EXPLOSION OF STILL	1	
FALL	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM CLIFF	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	5	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURY: (Cont'd.)

FALL FROM PIPE IN AIR	1	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	4	
HATCH FELL ON HEAD	1	
LOST BALANCE	1	
MACHINE SLIPPED WHILE BEING MOVED	1	
SEWER CAVED IN	1	
STRUCK BY CRANE BOOM	2	
STRUCK BY DROP HAMMER	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	1	
STRUCK BY FLYING PIECE OF METAL	1	
STRUCK BY PIPE	1	
TANK EXPLODED BEING WELDED	1	
TRUCK TIRE EXPLODED	1	
TOTAL	28	28

INFECTION:

SEPSIS - SLIVER IN ARM	1	
SILICOSIS - DUST INHALATION IN MINES	11	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	4	
TOTAL	16	16

POISONING:

CARBON MONOXIDE - DEFECTIVE EXHAUST ON TRUCK	1	1

SHOOTING:

CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARMS	1	1

SUFFOCATION:

CAVE-IN OF DITCH	1	1
TOTAL		116

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1952		92	
AUGUST	1952		90	
SEPTEMBER	1952		106	
OCTOBER	1952		84	
NOVEMBER	1952		98	
DECEMBER	1952		126	
JANUARY	1953		115	
FEBRUARY	1953		125	
MARCH	1953		107	
APRIL	1953		86	
MAY	1953		97	
JUNE	1953		107	
		TOTAL	1233	1233

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MALE		602	
FEMALE		631	
	TOTAL	1233	1233

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		605	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		596	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY		9	
LOCATION UNKNOWN		23	
	TOTAL	1233	1233

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	33	
1 to 2 YEARS	26	
2 to 5 YEARS	28	
5 to 10 YEARS	27	
10 to 20 YEARS	46	
20 to 45 YEARS	176	
45 to 65 YEARS	218	
65 YEARS AND OVER	672	
TOTAL	1226	1226

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	18
BURNS	136
CRUSHING	2
DROWNING	65
ELECTROCUTION	9
FALLS	610
FIREARMS	15
HEAD INJURIES	111
INFECTIONS	16
MISCELLANEOUS	51
POISONING	137
STRANGULATION	11
SUFFOCATION	45
TOTAL	1226

(POISONING INCLUDES 15 CASES OF ACUTE ALCOHOLISM)

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

FUMES - CHAIR AFIRE	4	
FUMES - FROM TANK CAR	11	
FUMES - HOUSE AFIRE	2	
ILLUMINATING GAS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	18	18

BURNS:

BEDDING AFIRE FROM GAS HEATER	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	2
CARELESS HANDLING OF BLOW TORCH	1
CARELESS HANDLING OF GASOLINE	1
CARELESS HANDLING OF CLEANING FLUID	1
CIGARETTE - CARELESS SMOKING	1
CIGARETTE - CHAIR AFIRE	6
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	6
CLOTHING AFIRE	5
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM DESERT LAMP	1
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM GAS EXPLOSION	1
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM INCINERATOR	3
CONFLAGRATION - APARTMENT AFIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - FIRE IN BOX CAR	1
CONFLAGRATION - FIGHTING FIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - GARAGE AFIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	36
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	2
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE, UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
CONFLAGRATION - SLEEPING IN TRASH BIN	1
CRIB AFIRE - FROM VAPORIZER	1
EXPLOSION OF BUTANE TANK	1
EXPLOSION OF CLEANING FLUID	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE	2
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE - CLEANING BARBECUE	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE - CLEANING FLOOR	1
EXPLOSION OF LACQUER	1
FLOOR WAX IGNITED BY FLOOR FURNACE	1
GAS EXPLOSION	2
GASOLINE BURNS FROM AUTO FIRE	1
GASOLINE MAIN EXPLODED	2
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE	3
MATCHES - FIRE IN WASTE BASKET	1
MATCHES - LIT MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	1
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (Cont'd.)

SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB	1	
SCALDS - SEIZURE IN BATH TUB	1	
SCALDS - SPILLED HOT COFFEE	1	
SCALDS - WATER TOO HOT IN BATH TUB	5	
STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED	4	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	15	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF TAR	1	
STOVE - FELL ON HEATER	3	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE	1	
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	7	
STOVE - OIL HEATER EXPLODED	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
TOTAL	136	136

CRUSHING:

SHIFTING LOAD IN BOX CAR	2	
TOTAL	2	2

DROWNING:

AUTO OFF BRIDGE	1
AUTO OFF BRIDGE INTO FLOOD CONTROL	1
CARRIED INTO SURF BY WAVE	2
CHILD FELL INTO POND	1
CHILD UNATTENDED IN BATH TUB	2
DROVE CAR OFF DOCK	1
EXHAUSTION WHILE SWIMMING	1
FALL FROM DOCK	3
FALL FROM PADDLEBOARD	1
FALL FROM PIER	1
FALL FROM SHIP	1
FALL FROM WATER SKIS	1
FELL INTO BATH TUB - OLD AGE	3
FELL INTO DITCH	1
FELL INTO DRAINAGE DITCH	2
FELL INTO IRRIGATION DITCH	1
FELL INTO LAGOON	1
FELL INTO POND	1
FELL INTO RESERVOIR	2
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	1
FELL INTO WADING POOL	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING: (Cont'd.)

FISHING BOAT EXPLOSION	1	
FOLLOWING BIRTH ON TOILET SEAT	1	
FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK	1	
ILL HEALTH	4	
INTOXICATION	3	
PLAYING IN LAKE	1	
SKIN DIVING	1	
UNABLE TO SWIM	5	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	5	
UNKNOWN	12	
WHILE SWIMMING	2	
TOTAL	65	65

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED LIVE WIRE	3	
CONTACTED ELECTRIC DRILL ON WET GROUND	1	
DAMAGED MICROPHONE	1	
IRON FELL INTO BASIN	1	
PLAYING WITH LIGHT CORD	2	
POOR CONNECTION	1	
TOTAL	9	9

FALLS:

AGAINST DOOR - OLD AGE	1
AGAINST PIPE - ILL HEALTH	1
AGAINST TABLE - ILL HEALTH	1
AGAINST TABLE - OLD AGE	1
DOWN STAIRS	6
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	18
DOWN STAIRS - TRIPPED	1
FROM BED - CHILD ROLLED OFF BED	1
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	4
FROM BED - OLD AGE	26
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	2
FROM BUILDING - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM BUILDING - OLD AGE	1
FROM BUILDING - SLIPPED	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	4
FROM CLIFF - SLIPPED	1
FROM LADDER - LADDER SLIPPED	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

FROM STOOL - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	4
IN BATH TUB - ILL HEALTH	1
ON STAIRS - SLIPPED	1
ON STEPS - OLD AGE	1
TO FLOOR - ACCIDENTALLY PUSHED	1
TO FLOOR - CHOKED ON FOOD	1
TO FLOOR - ILLNESS	17
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	6
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	416
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED	2
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED	2
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED ON STEP	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER MOP BUCKET	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER ROBE	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER RUG	3
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER TELEPHONE CORD	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER TOYS	1
TO GROUND - BLINDNESS	1
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	30
TO GROUND - TRIPPED OVER STEP	1
TO SIDEWALK - ILL HEALTH	1
TO SIDEWALK - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
TO SIDEWALK - INTOXICATION	2
TO SIDEWALK - KNOCKED DOWN BY DOG	1
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	11
TO SIDEWALK - SLIPPED	1
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED BY DOG	1
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED OVER CHAIR	1
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED OVER CRUTCHES	1
TO STREET - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
TO STREET - ILL HEALTH	1
TO STREET - INTOXICATION	2
TO STREET - OLD AGE	18
UNKNOWN FALL	2
TOTAL	610

FIREARMS:

CARELESS HANDLING	6	
DISCHARGED GUN WHILE CLEANING	2	
DISCHARGE OF RIFLE	2	
PLAYING WITH GUN	2	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
WORLD WAR II WOUND	1	
TOTAL	15	15

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES:

BABY FELL AND STRUCK HEAD	1	
DROPPED BY FATHER	1	
FALL - ILL HEALTH	1	
FALL AGAINST TABLE	1	
FALL DOWN STAIRS	12	
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	2	
FALL DOWN EMBANKMENT	2	
FALL FROM AUTO	2	
FALL FROM BED	2	
FALL FROM BICYCLE	2	
FALL FROM BUILDING	2	
FALL FROM CHAIR	1	
FALL FROM CLIFF	1	
FALL FROM DOCK	1	
FALL FROM HORSE	2	
FALL FROM INCINERATOR	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM OVERPASS	1	
FALL FROM PORCH	2	
FALL FROM SWING	1	
FALL FROM TRICYCLE	1	
FALL FROM SWING	1	
FALL FROM WINDOW	1	
FALL IN BATHTUB	1	
FALL ON STAIRS	1	
FALL TO CEMENT FLOOR	1	
FALL TO DOCK	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	22	
FALL TO GROUND	1	
FALL TO PAVEMENT	3	
FALL TO SIDEWALK	8	
FALL TO STREET	7	
FALL - UNKNOWN	2	
FELL OR JUMPED UNDER TRUCK - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
FELL WHILE INTOXICATED	6	
PRACTICING JUDO	1	
ROPE BROKE ON SWING	1	
STRUCK BY BICYCLE	1	
STRUCK BY BOTTLE	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON AUTO BUMPER	1	
TRIPPED ON LEASH	1	
THROWN FROM HORSE	1	
WATER SOFTENER FELL	1	
WALKED INTO DOOR	1	
WHILE PLAYING	1	
WHILE PLAYING BASKETBALL	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
TOTAL	111	111

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

INFECTIONS:

SEPTICEMIA - SCRATCHED BY CAT	1	
SEPTICEMIA - SCRATCHED HAND ON FAUCET	1	
SEPTICEMIA - TOE INJURY	1	
SELF ADMINISTRATION OF INSULIN	1	
TETANUS - BITTEN BY DOG	1	
TETANUS - CAUGHT THUMB IN CAR DOOR	1	
TETANUS - FISH HOOK STUCK IN THUMB	1	
TETANUS - SCRATCHED FACE ON ROSE BUSH	1	
TETANUS - SLIVER IN THUMB	1	
TETANUS - SPLINTER IN FOOT	1	
TETANUS - SPONTANEOUS ABORTION	1	
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	2	
TETANUS - UMBILICAL CORD NOT BANDAGED	1	
TETANUS - UNKNOWN	1	
TOXEMIA - SUNBURNED WHILE FISHING	1	
TOTAL	16	16

MISCELLANEOUS:

ANIMAL INJURIES - BITTEN BY DOG	1
BODILY INJURY - CAUGHT FINGER IN FAN	1
BODILY INJURY - CHILD FELL ON VICTIM	1
BODILY INJURY - DOVE OFF PIER	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL DOWNSTAIRS	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM BUS	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM CLIFF	5
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM TABLE	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM WINDOW	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM TREE	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO FLOOR	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	1
BODILY INJURY - FELL AGAINST LAUNDRY TUB	1
BODILY INJURY - FELL AGAINST STOVE	1
BODILY INJURY - FELL DOWN CANYON	1
BODILY INJURY - GORED BY BULL	2
BODILY INJURY - GARAGE DOOR FELL ON VICTIM	2
BODILY INJURY - HORSE RAN INTO CAR	1
BODILY INJURY - JARRED WHILE TOBOGGANING	1
BODILY INJURY - JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILDING-UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2
BODILY INJURY - PUSHED HAND THROUGH WINDOW	1
BODILY INJURY - THROWN FROM HORSE	2
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK HEAD WHILE DIVING	1
BODILY INJURY - TRIPPED OVER RUG	1
BODILY INJURY - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	2
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN	4

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS: (Cont'd.)

CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE - INCREASED BLOOD PRESSURE DURING ALTERCATION	1	
CUTTING - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
DECAPITATION - PLAYING NEAR ELECTRIC MOWER	1	
FRACTURE - DURING ELECTRO SHOCK THERAPY	1	
FRACTURE - FALL TO FLOOR	1	
FRACTURE - UNKNOWN	1	
INCINERATION - TRAILER AFIRE	1	
INSECT BITE - STUNG BY BEE	1	
PERFORATED ESOPHAGUS - SWALLOWED CHICKEN BONE	1	
SNAKE BITE - BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE	1	
STABBING - WHILE CARVING ROAST	1	
WAR INJURY - GASSED	1	
TOTAL	51	51

POISONING:

AMOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
AMYTAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
APROBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
ALCOHOL & MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	1
BARBITURATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	21
BARBITURATE - INTRAVENOUS SELF ADMINISTERED	1
BARBITURATE - OVERDOSE	10
BARBITURATE & MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	2
BARBITURATE & PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1
BORIC ACID - ABSORBED THRU SKIN	1
BROMIDES - DAILY INGESTION	1
BROMIDES - DRANK HAIR NEUTRALIZER	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BED ON FIRE	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	19
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS PLATE BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - FAULTY MUFFLER	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	12
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF AUTO EXHAUST FUMES	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF AUTO EXHAUST FUMES IN CLOSED GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF STOVE FUMES	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - SMOKING IN BED	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

CARBON MONOXIDE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	4	
CARBON MONOXIDE - ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
CAUSTIC ALKALI - INGESTION OF HOT SOAP FOR CLEANING TIRES	1	
CHLORAL HYDRATE - UNKNOWN	1	
DILAUDID - OVERDOSE OF NARCOTICS	1	
DOLOPHEN - OVERDOSE OF NARCOTICS	1	
HEROIN - OVERDOSE	1	
HYDROCHLORIC ACID - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
KEROSENE - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
KEROSENE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
LAXATIVE - OVERDOSE	1	
MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	1	
NARCOTICS - OVERDOSE	1	
NEMBUTAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	2	
PARALDEHYDE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
PENTOBARBITAL - " " " "	8	
PHENOBARBITAL - " " " "	2	
PYRIBENZAMINE - OVERDOSE	1	
SALICYLATE - OVERDOSE OF ASPIRIN	1	
SALICYLATE - CHILDATE ASPIRIN	3	
SECOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
SECONAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
STRYCHNINE - UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	122	122

STRANGULATION:

AUTO FELL ON NECK	1	
BOTTLE CAP CAUGHT IN THROAT	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN MATTRESS AND CRIB	1	
CHILD WEDGED BETWEEN CRIB & WALL	2	
CHOKED ON PILL	1	
COMPRESSED BETWEEN BED & WALL	1	
HEAD CAUGHT IN HIGH CHAIR	1	
LEASH AROUND NECK WHILE PLAYING	1	
PLAYING WITH ROPE IN TREE	1	
RELEASE OF FOLDING BED SPRING	1	
TOTAL	11	11

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	8	
ASPIRATED GASTRIC CONTENTS DURING CHILD BIRTH	1	
ASPIRATION OF BLOOD AFTER EYE INJURY	1	
ASPIRATION OF MUCUS & CARBON PARTICLES	1	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	1	
ASPIRATION OF VOMITUS	5	
AUTO FELL ON CHEST	1	
CAVE IN OF GRAVEL PIT	1	
CAVE IN OF SAND PILE	1	
CHOKED ON APPLE CORE	1	
CHOKED ON BALLOON	1	
CHOKED ON FOOD	6	
CHOKED ON GRAPE	1	
CHOKED ON MILK	1	
CHOKED ON PILL	1	
CHOKED ON TWIG	1	
FELL INTO CESSPOOL	1	
FOOD OBSTRUCTION	1	
LOCKED IN REFRIGERATOR	2	
MARBLE CAUGHT IN THROAT	1	
MATTRESS AFIRE	1	
PEANUT LODGED IN THROAT	1	
PEBBLE LODGED IN THROAT	1	
SAND TUNNEL CAVED IN	1	
SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES	3	
TOY LODGED IN THROAT	1	
TOTAL	45	45
TOTAL		1211
PLUS 15 CASES OF ACUTE ALCOHOLISM		15
TOTAL		1226

SUICIDES

JULY	1952		63	
AUGUST	1952		56	
SEPTEMBER	1952		47	
OCTOBER	1952		68	
NOVEMBER	1952		43	
DECEMBER	1952		72	
JANUARY	1953		58	
FEBRUARY	1953		59	
MARCH	1953		45	
APRIL	1953		62	
MAY	1953		61	
JUNE	1953		81	
		TOTAL	715	715

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MALE		515	
FEMALE		200	
	TOTAL	715	715

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		355	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		360	
	TOTAL	715	715

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AGES

10 to 20 YEARS		5	
20 to 45 YEARS		245	
45 to 65 YEARS		316	
65 YEARS AND OVER		149	
	TOTAL	715	715

SUICIDES

NATURE

ATE LIGHT BULBS	1	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	1	
BURNING	2	
CARBON MONOXIDE	3	
CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST)	97	
CUTTING	24	
DROWNING	6	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
ILLUMINATING GAS	19	
SHOOTING	218	
STABBING	2	
STRANGULATION	110	
SUFFOCATION	1	
TOTAL	487	487

JUMPING:

FROM BRIDGE	6	
FROM BUILDING	22	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	3	
FROM TREE	1	
TOTAL	32	32

POISONING:

ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID	1
ALURATE	1
AMMONIA	1
AMOBARBITAL	3
ANT PASTE	9
ARSENIC	11
BARBITURATES	87
BARBITURATE & CODEINE	1
BENADRYL	1
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	2
CHLOROFORM	2
CRESOL	1
CYANIDE	10
DIGITALIS	3
HYDROCHLORIC ACID	1
LYSOL	2
NEMBUTAL	5
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	8
PENTOBARBITAL	11

SUICIDES

NATURE

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

PHENOBARBITAL	9	
PHENOL MERCURIATE	1	
PHOSPHORUS	1	
SECOBARBITAL	3	
SECONAL	12	
SODIUM FLUORIDE	1	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1	
STRYCHNINE	3	
SULPHIDE & OCTOPHENYL	1	
SULPHURIC ACID	1	
TUINAL	3	
TOTAL	196	196
TOTAL		715

SUICIDES

CAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	12	
AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND	4	
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE	4	
ALCOHOLIC	2	
DESPONDENCY	196	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	10	
FEAR OF ARREST	5	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	6	
ILL HEALTH	231	
INSANITY	1	
JEALOUSY	1	
LOVE AFFAIR	4	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	48	
MENTAL CONDITION	3	
MENTAL ILLNESS	6	
QUARREL	1	
REVENGE	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	1	
WORRY	2	
UNKNOWN	176	
UNKNOWN: UNDETERMINED SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE	1	
TOTAL	715	715

HOMICIDES

JULY	1952	12	
AUGUST	1952	14	
SEPTEMBER	1952	23	
OCTOBER	1952	11	
NOVEMBER	1952	9	
DECEMBER	1952	13	
JANUARY	1953	4	
FEBRUARY	1953	12	
MARCH	1953	18	
APRIL	1953	12	
MAY	1953	11	
JUNE	1953	13	
	TOTAL	152	152

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MALE	109	
FEMALE	43	
TOTAL	152	152

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	93	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	56	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	2	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	152	152

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	6	
1 to 2 YEARS	1	
10 to 20 YEARS	4	
20 to 45 YEARS	89	
45 to 65 YEARS	43	
65 YEARS AND OVER	9	
TOTAL	152	152

HOMICIDES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	1	
BEATEN	1	
BODILY INJURIES	1	
FIGHTING	5	
HEAD INJURY	2	
INCINERATION	1	
KICKING	2	
POISONING	2	
SHOOTING	71	
STABBING	32	
STRANGULATION	8	
STRUCK WITH FIST	8	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	15	
SUFFOCATION	2	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	152	152

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JUSTIFIABLE	25	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	119	
UNDETERMINED	3	
EXCUSABLE	5	
TOTAL	152	152

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BY A KNOWN PERSON	88	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	16	
BY FATHER	1	
BY HUSBAND	19	
BY MOTHER	4	
BY OFFICER	15	
BY SON	1	
BY WIFE	8	
TOTAL	152	152

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE:		
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	1	
DURING ALTERCATION	4	
DURING HOLDUP	4	
DURING ROBBERY	1	
EVADING ARREST	5	
INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S ARREST	1	
RESISTING ARREST	5	
SELF DEFENSE	4	
TOTAL	25	25
UNJUSTIFIABLE:		
AMUCK	1	
ATTEMPTING ROBBERY	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	3	
DURING ALTERCATION	54	
DURING FACE REJUVENATION	1	
DURING HOLDUP	5	
DURING ROBBERY	2	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	2	
FIT OF RAGE	1	
GANG FIGHT	1	
IMMORAL ACT	1	
JEALOUSY	5	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	15	
MENTAL CONDITION	4	
UNKNOWN	23	
TOTAL	119	119
UNDETERMINED:		
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	3	3
EXCUSABLE:		
CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARMS	1	
DURING ALTERCATION	4	
TOTAL	5	5
TOTAL		152

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL: BY PHYSICIAN	1	
CRIMINAL: BY KNOWN PERSON	4	
SELF INDUCED	8	
TOTAL	13	13

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	8	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	13	13

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DIVORCED	3	
MARRIED	7	
SINGLE	3	
TOTAL	13	13

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10 to 20 YEARS	3	
20 to 45 YEARS	10	
TOTAL	13	13

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	10	
FEMALE	5	
TOTAL	15	15

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	9	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	15	15

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AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	6	
45 to 65 YEARS	9	
TOTAL	15	15

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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	3	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL	7	7

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	3	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4	
TOTAL	7	7

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AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	4	
45 to 65 YEARS	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	7	7

UNKNOWN CAUSES - CONTINUED

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	3	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO DECOMPOSITION	2	
TOTAL	7	7

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1952	4	
AUGUST	1952	0	
SEPTEMBER	1952	3	
OCTOBER	1952	5	
NOVEMBER	1952	1	
DECEMBER	1952	1	
JANUARY	1953	0	
FEBRUARY	1953	5	
MARCH	1953	0	
APRIL	1953	2	
MAY	1953	2	
JUNE	1953	1	
	TOTAL	24	24

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MALE	19	
FEMALE	5	
TOTAL	24	24

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	11	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	13	
TOTAL	24	24

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INSPECTOR	1	
PASSENGER	14	
PILOT	9	
TOTAL	24	24

ACCIDENTAL	16	
INDUSTRIAL	8	
TOTAL	24	24

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	21	
45 to 65 YEARS	2	
TOTAL	24	24

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TYPE OF PLANE

COMMERCIAL	7	
PLEASURE	17	
TOTAL	24	24

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CAUSES

FLYING TOO LOW	1	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	2	
STRUCK POWER LINE	3	
STRUCTURAL FAILURE	2	
UNKNOWN	16	
TOTAL	24	24

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1952	24	17	41
AUGUST	1952	15	12	27
SEPTEMBER	1952	20	21	41
OCTOBER	1952	10	17	27
NOVEMBER	1952	19	16	35
DECEMBER	1952	20	17	37
JANUARY	1953	19	19	38
FEBRUARY	1953	27	11	38
MARCH	1953	24	11	35
APRIL	1953	18	21	39
MAY	1953	21	8	29
JUNE	1953	17	20	37
	TOTAL	234	190	424

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1952	112	148	13	273
AUGUST	1952	114	150	17	281
SEPTEMBER	1952	123	158	12	293
OCTOBER	1952	136	159	13	308
NOVEMBER	1952	106	172	12	290
DECEMBER	1952	151	195	14	360
JANUARY	1953	147	167	13	327
FEBRUARY	1953	134	145	10	289
MARCH	1953	141	174	17	332
APRIL	1953	112	179	9	300
MAY	1953	119	191	13	323
JUNE	1953	115	179	12	306
	TOTAL	1510	2017	155	3682

INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES	4852
TOTAL	8534

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	142
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	182
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	82
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE:	27
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	433
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2746
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3179
BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	298
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3477
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	5057
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1952 to JUNE 30, 1953	8534
BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY - DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN	21

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	12214
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	70726
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	20370
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	299
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	10
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	448
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	448
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1657
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	12280
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3680
VERDICTS OF JURIES	448
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	3682
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2320
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	131
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	480
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	397

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-1952	8134
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953	8534
INCREASE	400

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS 2654

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

	Chemicals and Poisons Tested	Tests
Acetophenetidin	1	10
Arsenic	15	16
Alcohol (only)	2367	5528
Alcohol (with other tests)	189	430
Alkaloids	2	25
Barbiturates (only)	152	1090
Barbiturates (with other tests)	24	159
Bromides	3	6
Caffeine	1	10
Carbon tetrachloride	2	2
Chloralhydrate	1	2
Chloride (drowning)	7	14
Chloroform	1	10
Codeine	1	10
Creatinine	11	14
Cresol	1	10
Cyanide	19	26
Dilandid	1	25
Diphenylhydantoin	1	5
Ethyl ether	1	2
Fluoride	4	8
Heroin	5	150
Iodine	1	1
Kerosene	2	20
Meperidine	1	25
Mephenesin	1	5
Mercury	2	2
Metals (spectrograph)	1	25
Methadon	1	25
Morphine	5	105
Narcotics	12	620
Nicotine	10	10
Opiates	4	175
Paraldehyde	6	17
Paris Green	1	5
Phenol	2	105
Phosphorus	1	1
Phosphatase, acid	1	2
Quinine	1	10
Salicylates	9	27
Silica	22	22
Soap	1	1
Strychnine	3	120
Tripelennamine	2	45
TOTAL	2898	8920

WORK PERFORMED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Fiscal year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGY LABORATORY	976
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPICAL EXAMINATIONS	2181
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	72
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	200
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	63
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	570
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1023
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	57

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1952-53

	EXPENDITURES
SALARIES & WAGES	$272,179.15
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	42,910.50
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,021.34
TOTAL	$316,110.99

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1952-53

EMBALMING FEES	$ 68,975.00
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	5,965.45
WITNESS FEES	208.30
TOTAL	$ 75,148.75

CHEMICAL ANAYLSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO-COLLISION and NON-COLLISION	163	277
	37.1%	62.9%
AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	79	132
	37.4%	62.6%
HOMICIDES	86	73
	54.1%	45.9%
SUICIDES	169	361
	31.9%	68.1%